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Spring. The time of year when bees are busy pollinating the flowers, making honey and fluttering about their hives. The good hives — not the kind you get when you eat the wrong raspberries, and you break out in a painful rash and get all itchy and have to put

that white ointment on your skin — you know, the stuff that sticks to the sheets. Boy, that's

uncomfortable.

Which brings me to MAD. Yes, MAD — the magazine whose time is and was and continues to be — doesn't stick to skin, sheets or anything else. Which isn't to say it's not sticky. It's stuck around a long time.

And yet MAD is no ointment or cream, nor does it come in a tube. MAD is like the good hive of the fluttering bees, and requires no topical treatment whatsoever. It's a warm, safe cocoon in this world of hideous skin eruptions.

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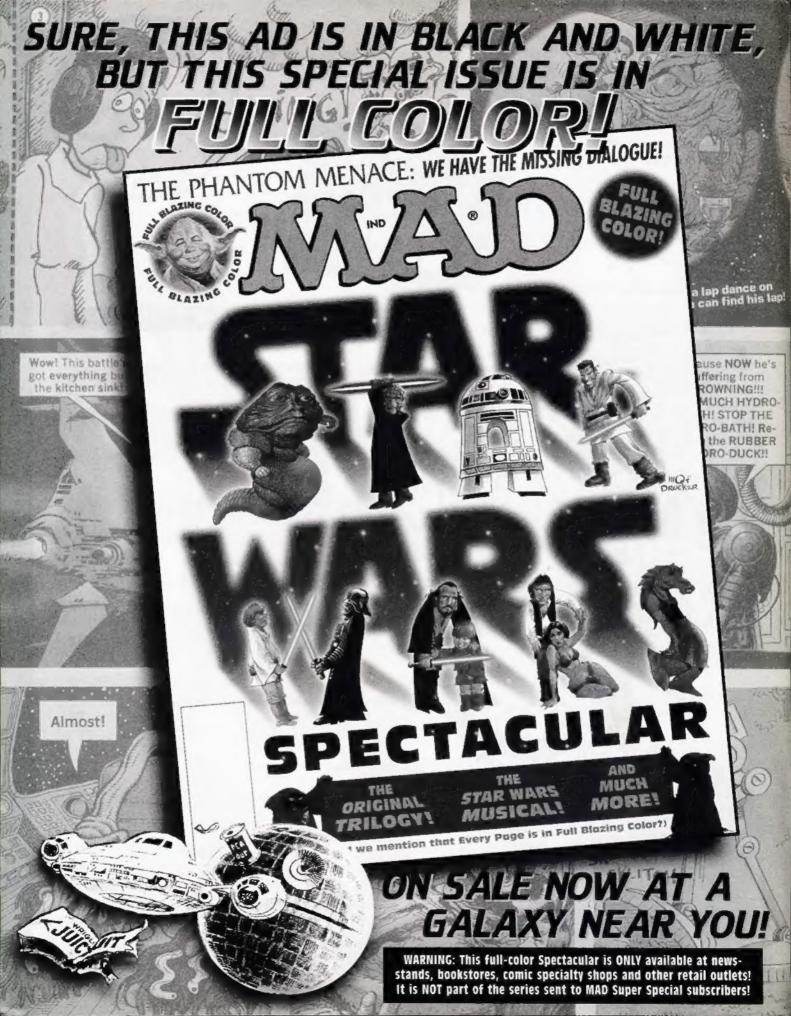


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If Truth in Advertising Laws

> "When it comes to personal conduct, always set the bar high it makes it much easier to sneak underneath!"





Make A Dumb Wish

Dear MAD Make a Dumb Wish Foundation: I'm considering going to graduate school, most likely Brooklyn College or Queens College, to study playwriting. However, I have an old student loan debt of \$3,700 from my undergrad days. My income is very low. If I'm accepted to grad school, could you please pay, or help me pay the \$3,700 debt?

Melanie Lee, Corona, NY

Mellie Mel - Thank you for calling on the good offices of the Make A Dumb Wish Foundation ™! As you may well expect, our offices are besieged with

Reminder many, many worthy to all readers: The requests, and as a result, Make A Dunk West -dates is a non-profit sometimes difficult organization dedicated to choices need to be making the really stupid made. When it came dreams possible. Readers are invited to send their dumb wishes for consideration to:

Jation 1700 Broadway

time to consider your request, it was Make A Dunch West a no-brainer, mainly because it wasn't a dumb wish! Getting New York, NY 18819. someone to fork over an easy three grand to you no strings attached is anything but

dumb! (Read: you ain't getting the money!) But all is not lost. After careful review, the foundation's handpicked committee did find dumbness in your letter. Your wish to become a successful playwright by getting a graduate degree from Brooklyn or Queens College is about as dumb as it gets! See ya opening

night, let us know the date!



Maui Wowie! It's Tom Amold of "I slept with Roseanne and lived to tell about it"

fame. Seriously, wasn't McHales's Navy one of the funniest movies you've ever seen? Unfortunately for you, David Shamash of Hillsborough, CA, Mr. Amold isn't holding the magazine, you are! Therefore, you only win a one-year MAD subscription. But wait, all is not lost! We have a feeling that if you go back to Maui with the same issue. Tom will still be hanging around on the beach waiting to be recognized! Alohal

WRESTLING WITH OUR READERS

Why have you boneheaded morons devoted so many recent issues to pro wrestling? You can only squeeze bad jokes out of a subject so many times, and that's on an interesting subject. Not all of your readers are beer-guzzling losers who sit around all day watching the WWF; some of us are women! I'm sick of reading about those overpaid, steroid-inflated freaks. If I want to watch sweaty fat guys stage fights I'll watch Jerry Springer.

Lillie Wade, Alexandria, VA

drawing! -Ed.

Lil - Boneheaded morons? Bad jokes? Staged fights? Well Lillie Babe, there is only one way to settle this: In the squared circle. A no holds barred, no time limit steel cage match. Just you and me and special guest referee, Des "The Crippler" Devlin. Friday night July 9th at the **Boonton Civic Center** (\$24.95 pay-per-view). Whatcha gonna do luscious Lillie when Ed. Mania comes down on you, brother? -Ed.

I have been teaching English and reading MAD for over 30 years. In MAD #209 you did a parody on Alfred Noves's "The Highwayman" called "The Disco Man." I used it in my classroom and the kids loved it. I've been waiting all these years for you to come up with another lesson plan for me. My prayers were answered when issue #378 contained "Pro Wrestling Haiku." In fact, if you publish this letter, I'll have another lesson plan! You guys are great!

Jamie Schamp, Liverpool, NY

Jamie - If you liked our "Pro Wrestling Haiku" then we're sure you'll want to cough up \$24.95 for the greatest pay-per-view of all time -Ed. Vs. Lillie Wade in the squared circle, no holds barred, no time limit steel cage match with special guest referee, Des "The Crippler" Devlin. It's going to be the greatest wrestling pay-per-view event ever! And hey, why not be a sport and invite long-time wrestling fan, Principal Scott Krell over to watch the slugfest. It could go a long way to smoothing the ruffled feathers when he finds out you're using MAD as a study tool! Happy watching! -Ed.



This envelope of the month comes from Rick Beaupre of Westfield, MA It was selected because of his cunning use of oldtime French Foreign Legion prison garb. And if it's one thing that we steadfastly maintain, it is our belief that MAD is one helluva great prison read. Happy SPECIAL ALERT!
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ANSWER MAD

With this issue we begin a truly stupid feature: MAD answers a letter written to another magazine! We kick off the feature with a letter which appeared in the February 15th issue of *Sports Illustrated* regarding SI's All-Bowl Team selection.



Wane McGarity of Texas over Issac Jones of Purdue at wide receiver? Jones had seven more receptions than McGarity and had many more clutch catches, including one with 30 seconds left for the game-winning touchdown.

B.E., Wallingford, PA

B.E. - Jones Schmones. If we had our druthers the correct pick would be Farook Johnson of the Division IV Screaming Hairnets of the Wilfred Beauty Academy. Farook caught an unprecedented 16 passes without breaking a single nail. He also scrambled for 300-plus yards on the same day he had a final in How to Give a Festive Permanent to a Balding Woman in Her Eighties. When will SI, let alone the Heisman trophy committee, stop turning a blind eye to the gifted and graceful athletes of Division IV teams such as the Screaming Hairnets! Oh the inhumanity! -Ed.



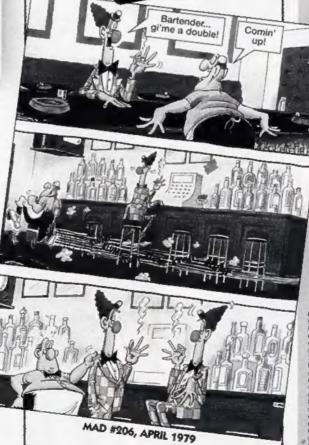
THE LUCK STOPS HERE

When you started doing the comic strip "Monroe" it was funny for a while because bad stuff always happened to him and he never got a break. Let him get luck for once.

Michael Orgeron, College Station, TX

It's rare that we receive as poignant and insightful a letter as yours. We have taken the liberty of showing it to Monroe's creator, Anthony Barbieri. Tony was so moved that he has written a very special "lucky" episode of Monroe just for you, Mikey. Look for "Monroe &...The Funeral" in next month's issue. —Ed.







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Back in MAD #329 we told you of a gritty, New York City police drama that was atop the ratings charts. Well, here it is several years later and this police drama is still on top of the charts. Proving once again that the American viewing public knows nothing about quality television! But wait! Something's changed! There are a lot of shiny new faces (not to mention saggy new asses). It's time for a another look at this fershlugginer show. It's time for...



NYPD RE-DO

Hmmmmm, maybe you're right! Stiffowitz HAS mellowed!

There's one group that despises Stiffowitz! They have standing orders to kill him!

What group is that?

The men's fashion industryl Oops,
I'd
better
lay
off
this

donut!

WANTED

I see you're still on the diet, Mudavoy!

Yeah. the "powers-thatbe" have me on this pissy little "B story" about losing weight for three years now! At this rate I should look like Ally McBeal! It's not working out! Between you, me
and Stiffowitz
we're getting a
nickname around
town — The
Lard Squad!

I'm Detective Dimmy Storyzone, the freshscrubbed, ex-child star! I'm the new replacement for Boppy Silmone!

It's gonna be a tough gig for you, kidl The 15th Squad loved Slimone! Hey, we're different types! You gotta respect the differences! Slimone had his style — I've got mine! Unfortunately for you, HIS style included some acting ability!

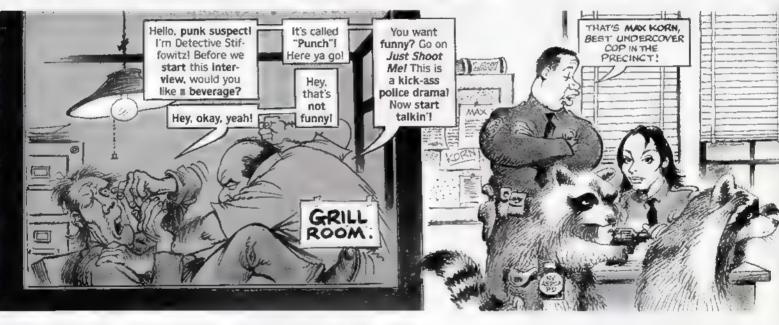
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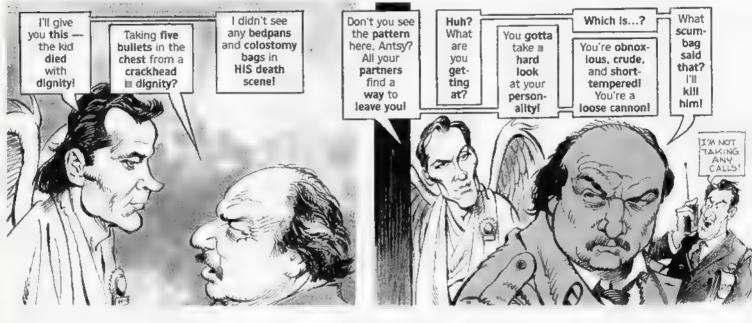










































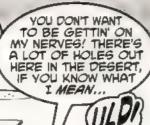
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ANGSTER'S PARADISE DEPT.

When we last saw Monroe, he and his mom were in Vegas, out of luck and stuck with a sleazy real estate salesman.

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JONES CONCERT
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WE HAVE OUR
COMPLIMENTARY
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94 CHEVY LUNATIC Chrome wheels, traction ctrl. & little ourple man in glove compartment revealing secrets of Roswell. \$16,354. PRIVATE PARTY, 197-3678



91 INFINN(TY Intentionally misspelled name, Formica dash, EZ-rip faux leather seats, invisible multi-disc CD player, \$14,000, THE CAR DITCH, 160-2949



95 FORD PHELGM 1 cyl., cdal-powered, solid gold splash guards. Horn plays first eight notes of "A Hundred Bottles Of Beer On The Wall." \$15,600. AUTO DUMP, 160-9483

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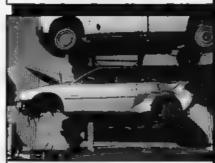
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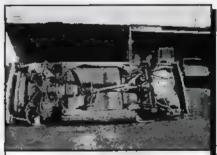
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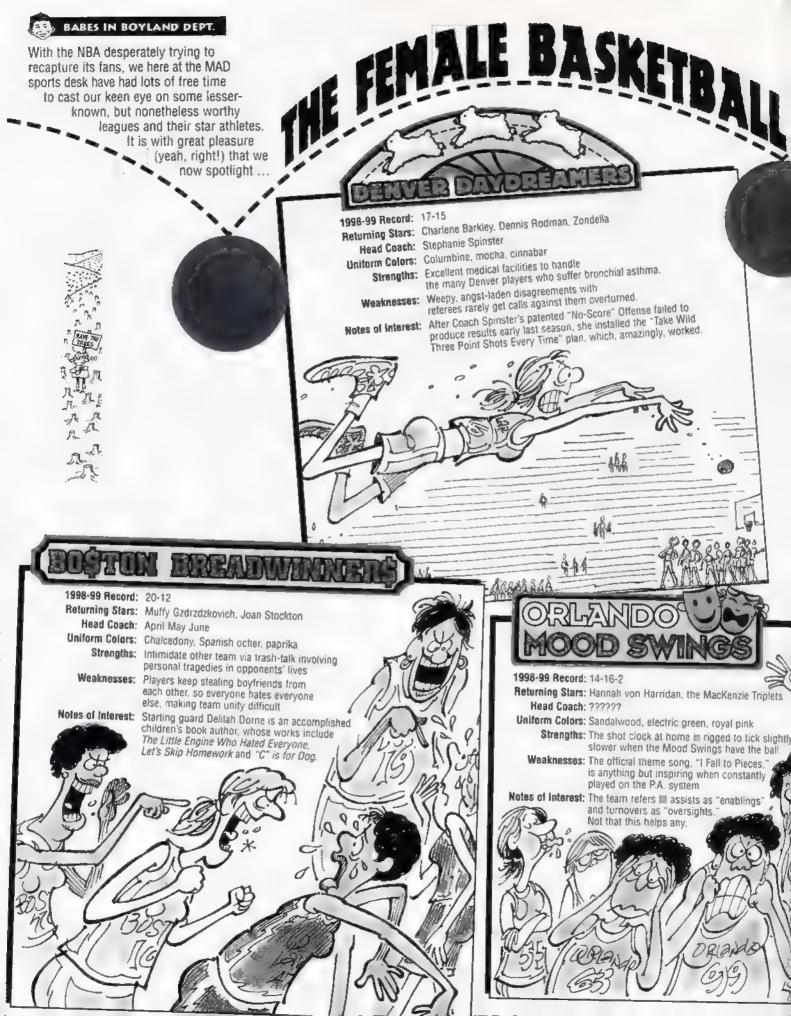
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CHIROPRACTORS' CONVENTION









ASSOCIATION 1999 PREV



Strengths: The starting guards are really cute Weaknesses: Narcoleptic frontcourt.

Notes of Interest: Vikki Virago is the first known female basketball player to stage a protracted holdout. She signed, though, after the club informed her that they had no legal power whatsoever in her custody battle.







1998-99 Record: 16-16

Returning Stars: Michelle Jordan, Bantu Goldbaum

Head Coach: Misogynous Andropolous

Uniterm Colors: Mauve, jonquil Strengths: Rumor has it that their center isn't really a woman. Weaknesses: By the time the playoffs begin, half the team will be

in its third trimester of pregnancy.

Notes of Interest: In addition to selling game programs in front of the arena. concession stands sell Marie Claire and Mirabella.







JUSTICE



EXPERIENCE

The terrorists say they're ready to negotiate! That's one pretty rough group! Who should we send in to talk to them?

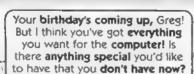
Get Eric Wessel in there! Wessel knows how to deal with crazies?

ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG

He should! He used to be a school bus driver!



GIFTS









ATTITUDE





CELEBRATIONS







ADVANCEMENT

I really admire you, Mr. Needle! I hear you started in the mailroom just like me and today you're the head of the company!

Is there
anything
you can
tell me that
will help me
do the same?

Why, yes, yes there is, Roger!



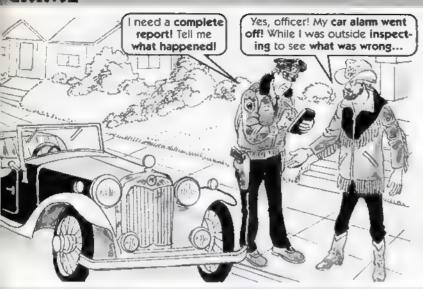
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Here's the plot...as if you cared! You came to see beatings, blood and explosions, but since I don't care what you care about, here's the story! It started when my partners in crime screwed me over

care what you care about, here's the story! It started when my partners in crime screwed me over!

We did it! We stole | I'm taking my Two

Mal got my wife to shoot me twice! We!!, she IS a twotimer! Then Mal kicked me a bunch of times, ran over me with his car, and they left me for dead! Trust me, I was getting steamed! Fortunately, I was able to drag myself to a drunken doctor who took the bullets out with a corkscrew! Then I made my way to my wife's place, to take my anger out on a local drug pusher!

wife's usher!

That's what made it a



I wanted to know where those drugs came from! So I roughed up the drug pusher a bit! You rotten scumbag! That's what My wife died A perfect marriage? made it a from the drugs She told me you PERFECT you sold her! only drifted in marriagel You ruined a ■ few weekends a What's perfect marriage! year to get some! your point? LATER

I found Stagparty and told him to tell Mai that I wanted my money!

Is there an echo

in here? Isn't that

the same thing you

just said in your

voice-over"? I'm

Yagghh!
You are
one mean
dude! You
pulled
my nose
ring
off my
nose!

Wrong! I pulled your nose right off your face! Your nose ring is still in place! Now, you'd better talk before I pull your tongue out of your mouth!

Okay. I'll talk!
Arthur Stagparty
sold me the drugs!
But I'm warning
you — you gotta
buy in bulk
quantities like I do
to get the really
big discounts!



Listen, Stagparty

I want you to

tell Mal

that Portal

wants his

half of the

I didn't rough you up in the voice-over. but if you don't deliver my message. the next bones that roll are gonna be yours!





Okay, back to the ploti Stagparty set up a meeting with Mal to tell him I was back in town!

Some guy beat me up and told me to tell you he was Portal, and that he wants his \$67,000 back!

He's alive?? I don't have his \$69,000! ! used the \$138,000 we stole to pay off a loan from the Outfitters!

Yeah. \$200, plus two months interest makes \$143,000! It was STILL cheaper tham taking a loan through my Visa card!



The bartender didn't help much, but crushing his fingers made the trip worthwhile! Besides, I remembered I had Nosey's address in my wallet!



Nosey. I must say you look like an even HIGHER priced hooker than you used to!

If you said more things like that when we were together, we might still be dating! I know you still turn tricks for the Outfitters! I need to find their headquarters! What? You'd have to be nuts to go there! Oh wait, you ARE nuts! They're at The Broken Arms Hote! on 17th Street...



I went on a hunt for a certain hooker who could lead me directly to Malf

l'm looking for a hooker named Nosey! I'm sorry, but I can't point her out to you! You're that

loyal?

Loyal, nothing!
I can't point
her out because
you're crushing
my fingers
in the bar!



I would start dating you again, but you still sleep with other men! I want to be special! You are special!
I have a highpaying clientele of masochistic insomniacs! So you see. I'm no ordinary hooker — I'm a specialist!







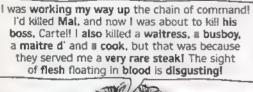




rented a new place for Nosey, the dog and me! When I got



The men who had wired the bed with a bomb



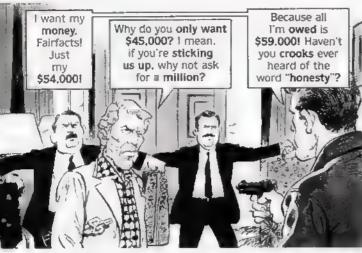




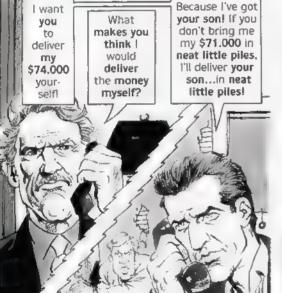
I don't like small change, so I shot Cartel, and moved up to the next in command!



I killed Fairfacts and set my sights on the top honcho. Bronzeskin! So I'd have a little leverage, I used Nosey as hooker bait, kidnapped his son and drove off in a limo!



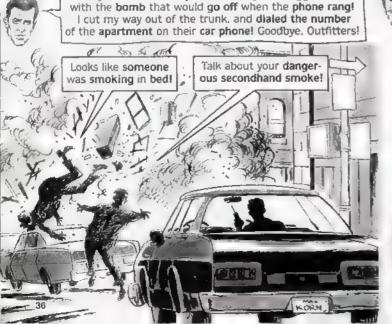






I hate

Do you, sleazy



So they went into the apartment they had rigged earlier

You wouldn't think story this amoral would have happy ending, but it does! I got back my \$43,500, and Nosey and I decided to tie the knot! It was storybook wedding!

I think I'm

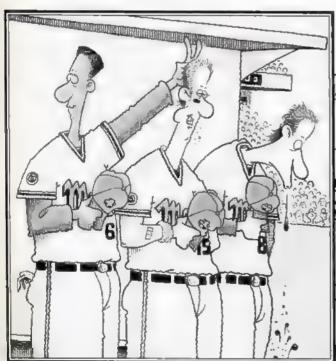
The Best Man sold



so you think just because you like to watch sports on TV you would make a good sports director! Well, not so fast! Before stepping behind a control panel it's important to know that it takes years and years to learn how to hold viewers' attention while over-the-hill players compete in the has-been bracket of some golf tournament sponsored by a cigarette company that can't legitimately advertise its killer product on TV! But why waste years learning when you take the easy way out (like you always do) simply by reading...

so you want to BE A BIG-TIME NETWORK TV SPORTS DIRECTOR

MAD'S FOOLPROOF GUIDE TO A SUCCESSFUL CAREER

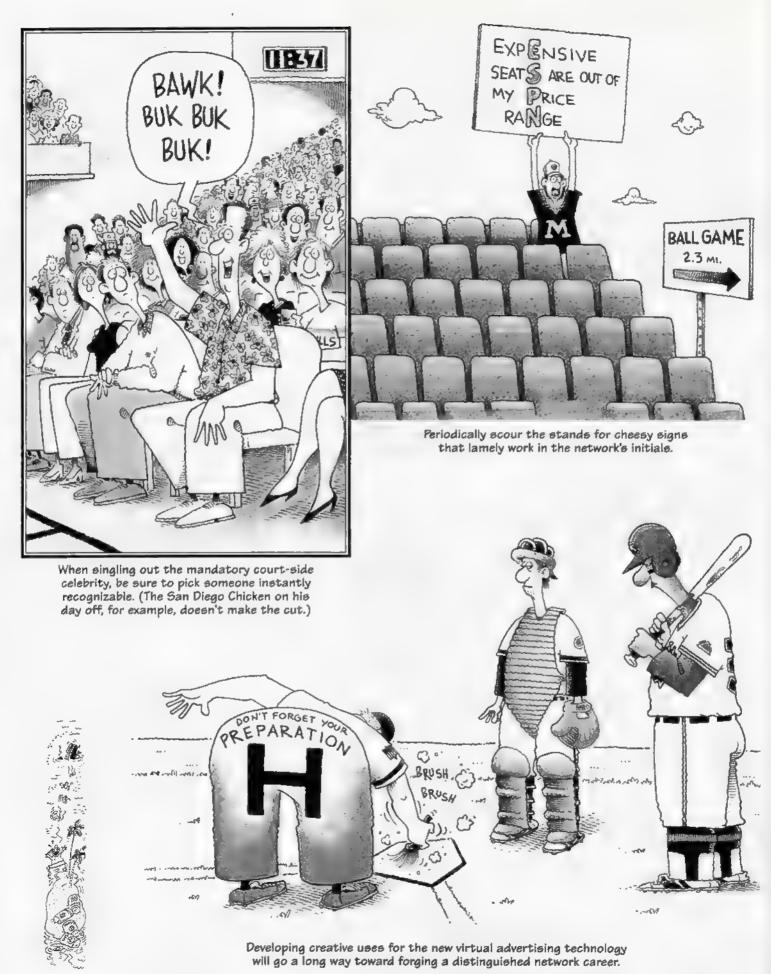


No stirring rendition of the National Anthem is complete without a close-up of a dugout full of overpaid morons spitting and tugging at their jocks.





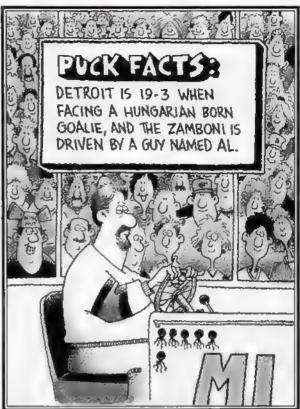
Nothing rounds out a boxing telecast like a post-fight interview with the victor, who will enthusiastically thank his Lord and Maker for enabling him to beat the snot out of his now semi-comatose opponent.



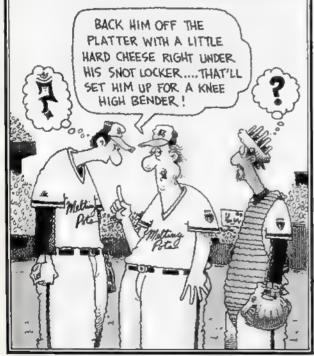


Always keep a sideline camera peeled for tantrum tirades by middle-aged, overweight, stressed-out coaches. (There's a special Emmy just waiting in the wings for the guy who shows the first live, over-the-air stroke.)

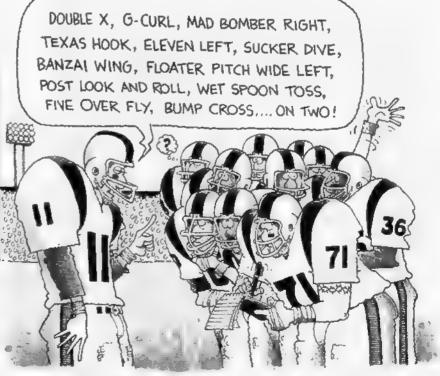




Prepare plenty of useless, mind-numbing, statfilled graphics to fill space between down times.



Never cut away from a conference on the mound before the color analyst has a chance to speculate on what a middleaged high school dropout from Georgia could possibly be saying to a Japanese pitcher and a Puerto Rican catcher.



Miking the quarterback affords the casual fan the chance to hear why half the team forgets the snap count on every third play.

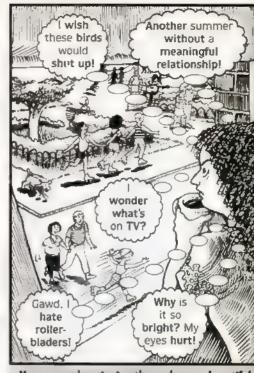




It's Memorial Day, the kickoff to another summer of fun and frolic. Unless, of course, you happen to be our beleaguered heroine. Then the season is nothing more than a series of hat, fetid days and miserable lonely nights. So kick off your sandals, enjoy a cool lemonade and be glad you're not her. Here's



As summer approaches you reluctantly part with the winter coat that, for the past months, has shielded you from the rabble and grime of the city.



Happy people enjoying themselves on beautiful summer days has always depressed you.



SUMMERTIME

SINGLE CAREER GIRL

BIG CITY

WRITER: PEGGY DOODY



You try on summer clothes only to find you've gained your usual 20 pounds over the winter.



Each weekend brings the pressure to pack every moment with fun-filled activity...



June is especially dismal as it seems that all your friends are getting married and you're the only single one left.



You join a gym with the rest of the city in a desperate attempt to lose weight before you hit the beach.



You can't even think about wearing shorts and sandals because you always forget to get a pedicure and leg waxing.



...when all you really end up doing is renting videos and holing up in your apartment.



Summer also brings with it such torturous traditions as having to play on your company's softball team after work.



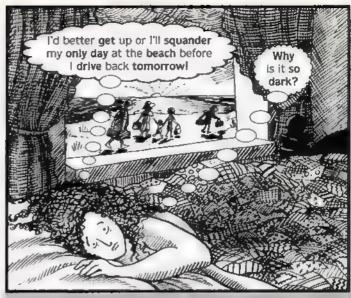
You finally break down and rent a summer beach house. But the only way you can afford it is by sharing it with eight other housemates, their guests and other moochers...



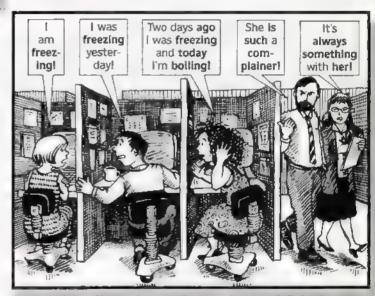
Back in the city, the weather is crippling. No matter how carefully you put yourself together in the morning you're always sweaty and smelly by the time you get to work...



The charm of diving at fresco at restaurants is lost on you.



...and you now spend every friday night stuck in traffic driving out to the summer beach house only to blow all day Saturday recuperating from the journey.



...and the office is always either an icebox or a hellish inferno.



By Labor Day you've spent a fortune finally getting your senumer look together, only to realize you've got nothing to wear for fail.

PULP NONFICTION DEPT.

Here's

greatest comic book hero of all time is Superman. He stood for truth, justice and the American way — emphasis on "truth." But where's the Man of Stee when it comes to the freebie preview newsletters they hand out at the comic book shops? Those things are filled with about as much truth as Clinton's grand jury testimony. Wouldn't it

be great if just once those weasels at DC and Marvel gave you the real low down on upcoming comic books? Well, you have a better chance of seeing Wonder Woman and Batgirl in a top less romp in the Batcave (hey, now there's a comic we'd shell out \$2.95 for)! Anyway, since they won't give you the real lowedown, we will

ADVERTISING LAWS APPLIED TO

X-FACTOR #98.6

The mutants fight Razorface – a big, tough, ugly-looking, armor-covered villain – for two pages. The rest of the book is padded with scenes of the heroes whining about how society hates them.

On sale Nov. 15, we guess.



SUPERMAN #429

Superman kicks the bucket again.

Sure to be a collector's item with stupid fans who actually think that DC Comics

going to kill off character worth billions of dollars.

Oh sale Nov. 5...and then off sale the next day so greedy comic shop owners can jack up the price immediately.



JIMO

BOOK

PREVIEWS



BATMAN: TALES OF THE LEGEND OF THE SECRET OF THE BAT -**GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Pretty much the same "vigilante against the forces of evil" story they do every month, except it's printed on slightly nicer paper, so it's 50 times as expensive. Contains tots of scenes of dork nights and shadows so that readers won't realize the artist can't draw.

On sale Nov. 14, and will remain in the racks forever.



X-MEN VS. X-FI

In this 97-page crossover, the X-Men meet agents Scutty and Mulder while investigating a giant radioactive alligator roaming the sewers of New York. Both teams then fight and argue conflauously until the last page, where, with only six panels left to resolve the story, they join forces to kick the main villain's butt easily.

On sale last week. Too bad you missed it.



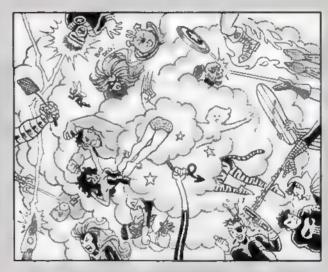
SUPERMAN #430

into the back issue bin.

Superman is brought back from the dead. Like you didn't see THAT coming. On sale Dec. 12 between 12:21 and 12:27 p.m. — then it goes directly







EVERY CHARACTER IN THE MARVEL UNIVERSE FIGHTING ONE ANOTHER

A 926-page special depicting every single character Marvel ever created - no matter how obscure - punching, slapping, kicking and biting one another. The plot is incoherent, the art sucks, and the pages are out of order, but since this volume comes in a vacuum-packed, steet-reinforced, impossible-toopen Mylar bag, who'll ever notice?

On sale just as soon as we figure out what Mylar is.



SWITCHBLADE MCGURK

Meet Switchblade McGurk, another ounk-looking anti-hero running around a depressing post-apocalyptic city that's ripped off from Blade Runner, Crammed with plenty of violence and sleaze that readers will defend as cutting edge." Number one of a 12-part mini-series that will probably be discontinued by issue #6.

On sale November 32.



THE HULK VS. ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

A 96-page special in which America's favorite green monster and Hollywood's biggest star kick the living crap out of each other. Though the Hulk can smash mountains with his pinkie, his fight with "Ah-nuld" ends in a tie because otherwise the big, muscle-bound hambone wouldn't allow Morvel to use his Image.

On sale whenever Arnold's latest bomb movie is released.





THE PUNISHER CHRISTMAS ANNUAL

After the Punisher is visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past (Captain America), Christmas Present (Spiderman) and Christmas Future (Silver Surfer), he tries to beat them to death with # Yule log.

On sale Easter Sunday.



THE NEW ADVENTURES
OF SUPERMAN #341

The Superman brought back from the dead in Superman #430 proves to be a clone, so the real Superman in actually still dead.

On sale Dec. 4, March 23 and May 3.



WONDER WOMAN #250

After Wonder woman gives birth to a Winged boby, guest star Hawkworman accuses the Amazing Amazon of having an affair with her husband.

Recommended for mature readers," although if a reader were really mature, he wouldn't be caught dead reading this trash.

On sale three weeks late.



THE AMAZING SPIDERMAN #1,597,398

Peter Parker frets about Aunt May's health, his finances and his relationship with Mary Jane. After a lot of padding, Spidermon eventually fights in villain known as the Bug Squisher. A so-so issue that will be made to seem special by the fact that it will be released with 46 different covers.

On sale whenever the artist sobers up.



WEB OF SPIDERMAN #93

Spiderman gets a new costume this issue, so the editors decided that since the readers are going to buy it no matter what, they'd just match old Web-Head with some villain who has the same larne-o lightning powers you've seen 320 million times before.

On sale five hours after the last Spiderman book came out.

TEENAGE SUSHI HAPPY HAPPY #1

Another Japanese Import with artwork that basically looks like a cheap Jahnny Quest cartoon. The translation is extremely murky (the story might have something to do with a boy who fights m giant squid), but readers won't mind because Japanese anime is hot right now... at least according to the comic shop owners trying to unload the stuff.

On sale as soon as Asian-American anti-defamation groups stop protesting.



THE NEWER THAN NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #56

The Man of Steel is still dead, so this issue highlights his funeral. This means lots of splash pages and two-page panels of Superman's triends standing around his grave looking solemn. Lame stuff, but if you don't buy it, you won't own the entire "Superman is Dead" series and lose money on the deal.

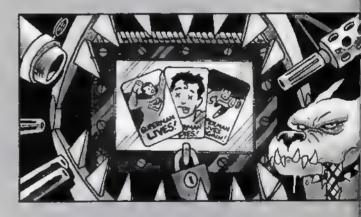
On sale whenever we're damn well ready.



THE OLD ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN MADE TO LOOK LIKE THE NEW ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #12

Superman comes back from the grave. When he shows up outside Lois' window on page two for meromantic rendezvous, she keels over dead from the shock. The rest of the book shows Superman maping inconsolably around the Fortress of Solitude.

On sale five minutes after we print it.





THE "HONEST, SUPERMAN IS STILL DEAD (WE REALLY MEAN IT THIS TIME)

In this 46,798 page special, we find out that the Lois Lane who died in "The Old Adventures of Superman Made to Look Like the New Adventures of Superman #12" was from a parallel universe, which means that the real Lois is still alive! Unfortunately, this also means that the Superman who rose from the dead was also from the same parallel universe, so the real Superman is still dead. Don't ask, just buy III On sale whenever you cough

up the cash.



Spown's origin is retold yet again so that the

book's creative team won't have to come up with something fresh. For like the 800th time, we see how Spawn is given his powers from Satan — a fact that should provide inspiration and thrills to psychotic, devil-worshipping creeps everywhere.

On sale the day after Charles Manson's birthday.

DC COMICS TRADING CARDS

So what if the market fell out on trading cards three years ago? These bables - lame reprints of old trading cards that used to sell for 5¢ — are engraved on solid platinum with gold leaf frim. Sure to be thrown out by your parents unless you buy the special bullet-proof, unbreakable, immovable viewina case. Complete set, with case: \$300,000

On sale when your credit rating arrives.

THE JUDGE DREDD/ BATMAN & ROBIN/ STEEL MOVIE SPECIAL THREE-PACK

Yeah, those films come out years ago, but there's still a ton of these move tie-ins agthering dust in the worehouse, so DC stuffed one of each into m baggle hoping little kids won't know any better.

On sale whenever you're ready, sirl





DETECTIVE COMICS #1

Batman chases the Joker for the umpleenth time and, after twenty tedious pages, finally kicks him in the groin. Though this Issue is mediocre at best, you'll want to snap up at least fifty copies. Why? Since DC is arbitrarity starting the numbering system all over again, this issue will be considered #1. Sure to be a collector's Item... if all other two million copies mysteriously disappear.

On sale as soon as Batman's creator, Bob Kane, stops spinning in his grave.





CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH

Our team of crack oddsmakers gives you the latest Vegas line on how one of today's biggest stars is going to foul out of the game of life!

THIS MONTH'S FUTURE PLAYER TO GO ONE ON ONE WITH THE GRIM REAPER:

SHAQUILLE O'NEAL

CAUSE OF DEATH

Shot by East Coast and West coast rappers, after release of new CD

Nasty foot fungus after getting Muggsy Bogues stuck between his toes

Terminal "evil eye" from Jack Nicholson after boneheaded foul in fourth quarter

Shocked with defibrillator paddles after being mistaken for dead while acting on film set of Steel sequel

Accident during NBA Finals...

while watching at home with the rest of the Lakers

while playing in game

Being mobbed on court after making game-winning free throw

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

ODDS

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WHAT NEW SPORT HAS RECENTLY BEEN ADDED TO THE OLYMPICS?

MAD FOLD-IN

When you think of the Olympics, sports like figure skating, gymnastics, and skiing come to mind. Other sports, however, are constantly vying for inclusion in the Olympic Games. To find out what the newest event is, fold page in as shown.





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THE OLYMPICS HAVE CHANGED. MANY PEOPLE CAN'T UN-DERSTAND WHY IT ALL HAPPENED. THEY FEEL THAT THE TRUE SPIRIT OF SPORT IS GONE. THE INEXCUSABLE REASONS GIVEN SHOULD BE REJECTED WITHOUT DELAY

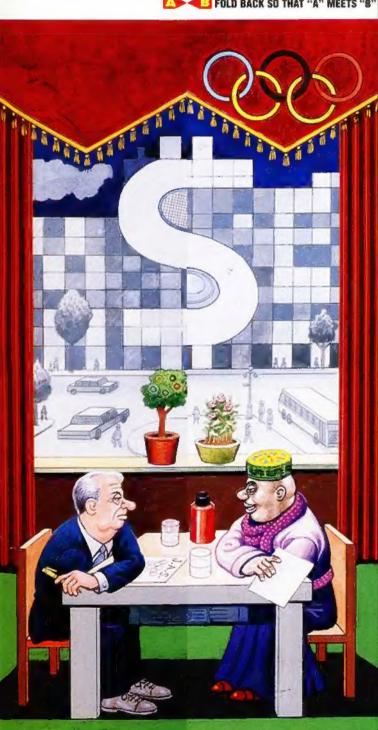




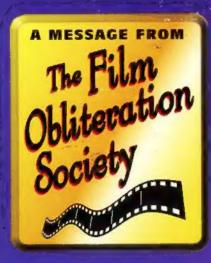
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Gone With the Wind. The Wizard of Oz. It's a Wonderful Life.

They're treasured film classics that should be restored and preserved forever. And thanks to the work of our sister organization, the Film Preservation Society, they will be. But what about crap films — those cinematic travesties that mar and embarrass our history of movie excellence? What should happen to them?

That's where the Film Obliteration Society comes in. We take on the much harder (but more enjoyable) job of getting rid of the cinematic chaff — the turkeys, the bad

sequels, the misguided remakes and any film starring Shelley Long.

Our sacred goal: To make our once pure movie heritage pristine again. To return us to a place where neither Cheech nor Chong, Wayne nor Garth, nor any Blues Brother trods the silver landscape.

To exist where no Willys are freed, Stella never gets her groove back and nobody knows or cares what you did last summer.

Just imagine: A world where Bruce Willis exists only as a onedimensional actor on an overrated, long-canceled TV show; where Saturday Night Live sketches remain on the small screen where they belong; where Mel Brooks' career ends right after Young Frankenstein in actuality, not just commercially and critically. And any part of Titanic that takes place above water-level? Gone for the ages.

But obliterating films around the clock isn't easy, because many of the film world's worst actors, directors and producers are nothing, if not prolific. That's why we need your heip — so that one day we can stand tall and united, gazing across a glorious landscape of cinema cleansed of the awful acting oeuvre of Tom Arnold, the disastrous directing oeuvre of Joel Schumacher and the wretched writing oeuvre of Joe Eszterhas.

SO JOIN US NOW! For just a minimum donation of \$5.00 you can help us insure that you'll never have to watch foody Allen kiss a girl one-fourteenth his age ever, ever again!

Dear Film Obliteration Society: Sure, you've gotten rid of Steve Guttenberg, but your work is far from over. Please accept my but your work is far from over. Please accept my activities to your worthy effort. I have checked below	Name
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